EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2.   Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview

with Mr. David R. Burns (Reg. No. 46590) on 09 September 2008.

3. The claims had been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended)   A method of enabling a user to set a value across a plurality

of network objects representing one or more portions of a plurality of different network

device types on a communications network, the method comprising acts of:

       (A) providing a user interface that enables the user to indicate a user-specified

value for which to set the plurality of network objects representing the one or more

portions of the plurality of different network device types by specifying the user-specified

value only once, wherein the act of providing a user interface comprises the acts of:

              (1) concurrently displaying values of network objects on a display <u>by</u>

       <u>displaying a first table to a user on the display, the first table including a plurality</u>

       <u>of rows and at least a first column representing a first object type of the plurality</u>

       <u>of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of</u>

different network device types, each of plurality of the rows including a cell for the

first column that stores a value for one of the plurality of network objects

representing the one or more portions of the plurality of different network device

types; ~~, including values of the plurality of network objects representing the one~~

~~or more portions of the plurality of different network device types, to the user~~;

(2) receiving user input that specifies a plurality of rows of the first table to

concurrently select a set of the plurality of network objects representing the one

or more portions of the plurality of different network device types, the set of the

plurality of network objects having the value the user desires to set to the user-

specified value; ~~and~~

(3) displaying a second table to the user on the display concurrently to

displaying the first table, the second table including one or more columns, each

column of the second table corresponding to the first column of the first table;

~~(3)~~ (4) receiving the user-specified value from the user for a column of the

second table that corresponds to the first column of the first table; ~~the set of the~~

~~plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality~~

~~of different network device types; and~~

(5) in response to receiving the value from the user, for each of the

plurality of rows, setting the cell for the column of the first table equal to the

received value; and

(B) in response to receiving an instruction from the user, initiating setting the object value of each member of the set of the plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of different network device types equal to the user-specified value.

2. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, wherein a first network object of the plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of different network device types resides on a first network device and a second network object of the plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of different network device types resides on a second network device,

    wherein act (B) comprises initiating a transmission of a first message, destined for the first network device, configured to set a value of the first network object to the user-specified value, and initiating a transmission of a second message, destined for the second network device, configured to set a value of the second network object to the user-specified value.

3. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the user interface includes a graphical user interface.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 5 1, wherein the first object type has a first data type, and act (A) further comprises acts of:

(5) (6) determining an editing control appropriate for the first data type; and

(6) (7) providing the editing control on the display to enable the user to enter the user-specified value for the specified column.

8. (Original)   The method of claim 5 1, wherein the second table includes only a single row.

9. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 5 1, wherein act (A) further comprises:

(5) (6) displaying a scroll bar on the display, the scroll bar shared by the first table and the second table.

10. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 9, wherein act (A)(4) (A)(3) includes:

displaying the second table at a position on the display such that each column of the second table is vertically aligned on the display with its corresponding column of the first table.

11. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 5 1, wherein act (A)(4) (A)(3) includes:

displaying the second table at a position on the display such that each column of

the second table is vertically aligned on the display with its corresponding column of the

first table.

12. (Currently Amended)   A computer system for enabling a user to set a value across

a plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of

different network device types on a communications network, the system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory storing instructions for:

providing a user interface to enable the user to indicate a user-specified

value for which to set the plurality of network objects representing the one or

more portions of the plurality of different network device types by specifying the

user-specified value only once; and , wherein the user interface is operable to

control concurrently displaying values of network objects, including values of the

plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality

of different network device types, to the user, and wherein the user interface

includes:

a first table component to control displaying a first table to a user on

a display, the first table including a plurality of rows and at least a first

column representing a first object type of the plurality of network objects

representing the one or more portions of the plurality of different network

device types, each of plurality of the rows including a cell for the first

column that stores a value for one of the plurality of network objects

representing the one or more portions of the plurality of different network

device types, and

        a second table component to control displaying a second table to

the user on the display concurrently to displaying the first table, the

second table including one or more columns, each column of the second

table corresponding to a respective one of the columns of the first table,

and operable to receive the user-specified value from the user for a

column of the second table that corresponds to the first column of the first

table; and

providing a message component to initiate setting the value of each

member of the set of the plurality of network objects representing the one or

more portions of the plurality of different network device types equal to the user-

specified value; , wherein the user interface is operable to:

        control concurrently displaying values of network objects, including values

of the plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the

plurality of different network device types, to the user;

        instructions for receiving user input to concurrently select a set of the

plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality

of different network device types, the set of the plurality of network objects having

a value the user desires to set to the user-specified value, wherein the first table

component is operable to receive the one or more user inputs that specify a

plurality of rows of the first table; and

~~instructions for~~ receiving the user-specified value from the user for the set

of the plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the

plurality of different network device types, wherein the second table component is

operable, in response to receiving the user-specified value from the user, to

control the first table component to set the cell in the first column in each of the

plurality of rows equal to the received user-specified value.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein a first network object of the

plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of

different network device types resides on a first network device and a second network

object of the plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the

plurality of different network device types resides on a second network device,

wherein the message component is operable to initiate a transmission of a first

message, destined for the first network device, configured to set a value of the first

network object to the user-specified value, and to initiate a transmission of a second

message, destined for the second network device, configured to set a value of the

second network object to the user-specified value.

14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the user interface includes a graphical

user interface.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended)   The system of claim ~~16~~ 12, wherein the first object type has a first data type, and wherein the second table component is operable to determine an editing control appropriate for the first data type and to provide the editing control on the display to enable the user to enter the value for the specified column.

19. (Currently Amended)   The system of claim ~~16~~ 12, wherein the second table includes only a single row.

20. (Currently Amended)   The system of claim ~~16~~ 12, wherein the user interface further comprises:

a scroll bar component to control displaying a scroll bar to the user, the scroll bar shared by the first table and the second table.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the second table component is operable to control displaying the second table to the user at a position on the display such that

each column of the second table is vertically aligned on the display with its

corresponding column of the first table.

22. (Currently Amended)   The system of claim ~~16~~ 12, wherein ~~act (A)(4) includes:~~

~~displaying~~ the second table is displayed at a position on the display such that

each column of the second table is vertically aligned on the display with its

corresponding column of the first table.

23. (Currently Amended)   A ~~physical~~ computer-readable storage medium ~~having~~

storing computer-readable ~~signals stored thereon that define~~ instructions that, ~~as a~~

~~result of being~~ when executed by a processor ~~computer~~, ~~instruct the computer~~ cause

the processor to ~~perform a method of enabling~~ enable a user to set a value across a

plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of

different network device types on a communications network, the instructions

comprising: ~~method comprising acts of:~~

    (A) instructions for providing a user interface that enables the user to indicate a

user-specified value for which to set the plurality of network objects representing the

one or more portions of the plurality of different network device types by specifying the

user-specified value only once, wherein the act of providing a user interface comprises

the acts of:

        (1) concurrently displaying values of network objects on a display by

displaying a first table to a user on the display, the first table including a plurality

of rows and at least a first column representing a first object type of the plurality

of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of

different network device types, each of plurality of the rows including a cell for the

first column that stores a value for one of the plurality of network objects

representing the one or more portions of the plurality of different network device

types; ~~, including values of the plurality of network objects representing the one~~

~~or more portions of the plurality of different network device types, to the user~~;

(2) receiving user input that specifies a plurality of rows of the first table to

concurrently select a set of the plurality of network objects representing the one

or more portions of the plurality of different network device types, the set of the

plurality of network objects having a value the user desires to set to the user-

specified value; ~~and~~

(3) displaying a second table to the user on the display concurrently to

displaying the first table, the second table including one or more columns, each

column of the second table corresponding to a respective one of the columns of

the first table;

~~(3)~~ (4) receiving the user-specified value from the user for a column of the

second table that corresponds to the first column of the first table; ~~the set of the~~

~~plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality~~

~~of different network device types; and~~

(5) in response to receiving the value from the user, for each of the

plurality of rows, setting the cell for the first column equal to the received value;

and

(B) instructions for, in response to receiving an instruction from the user, initiating

setting the value of each member of the set of the plurality of network objects

representing the one or more portions of the plurality of different network device types

equal to the user-specified value.

24. (Previously Presented) A computer system for enabling a user to set a value for a

plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of

different network device types on a communications network, the system comprising:

means for enabling the user to indicate a user-specified value for which to set the

plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of

different network device types by specifying the user-specified value only once, wherein

the means for enabling the user to indicate a user-specified value includes:

(1) means for concurrently displaying values of network objects on a

display by displaying a first table to a user on the display, the first table including

a plurality of rows and at least a first column representing a first object type of the

plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality

of different network device types, each of plurality of the rows including a cell for

the first column that stores a value for one of the plurality of network objects

representing the one or more portions of the plurality of different network device

types; ~~, including values of the plurality of network objects representing the one~~

~~or more portions of the plurality of different network device types, to the user;~~

(2) means for receiving user input that specifies a plurality of rows of the

first table to concurrently select a set of the plurality of network objects

representing the one or more portions of the plurality of different network device

types, the set of the plurality of network objects having a value the user desires

to set to the user-specified value; ~~and~~

(3) means for displaying a second table to the user on the display

concurrently to displaying the first table, the second table including one or more

columns, each column of the second table corresponding to a respective one of

the columns of the first table;

~~(3)~~ (4) means for receiving the user-specified value from the user for a

column of the second table that corresponds to the first column of the first table;

~~the set of the plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of~~

~~the plurality of different network device types; and~~

(5) means for, in response to receiving the value from the user, for each of

the plurality of rows, setting the cell for the first column equal to the received

value; and

a message component to initiate setting the value of each member of the set of

the plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the plurality of

different network device types equal to the user-specified value.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the first network device is a

different network device than the second network device.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein the first network device is a

different network device than the second network device.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the value comprises a common value

across the plurality of network objects representing the one or more portions of the

plurality of different network device types.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than

the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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